A LETTER FROM AMSTERDAM, TO *J. P.* and *W. D.* Esquires, in *LONDON*:

Containing the

PRESENT CONDITION OF HOLLAND.

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TO

His Honoured Friends *J. P.* and *W. D.* Esquires.

Gentlemen,

SInce that most Excellent Declaration of the King of *England*, and other Transacts betwixt His Majesty and the most Christian King (who hath likewise proclaimed War by Sea and Land;) Not only the Rulers of this State stand amazed at their own Transgressions in the Truths demonstrated, but the People, strictly observing the same Ingratitude and ill Conduct of the Government intrusted with the States-General, manifest a perpetual Disgust even by Mutinies and murmuring Discourses, that no Force can now be raised without Constraint: And my very good Friends, if you will credit a full Relation of the Matter from me, They are so much infatuated, that all things run in Disorder and Confusion, for the sober men now foresee how themselves and Countrey are ensnared to gratifie a lofty humour in some of these Grandees; whose Ambition (by a Prevarication of their Progenitors) leads them to covet and engross the Trade of the whole Earth. And in truth, Sirs, their Calamities seem intolerable, and are abundant already being almost surrounded with potent Armies. Their Embassies to the neighbouring Princes thrown off, rather fomenting, than any ways to extenuate their Crimes. Then Gentlemen, how easily may you and their Opposers discover the Event (and I am apt to believe, Period) of this tottering State, so magnificently forgetting their late Rise, to stile themselves, *The High and Mighty Lords*, which I return as no Reflect upon their Power, save that (under Favour) it shall remind you and the Subjects of *England* of their insolent Deportment

ment towards the moſt Illuſtrious Kings. When the auſtere Growth of theſe mens Wickedneſs is corrected, the World muſt rejoice, in that they invade the Rights of the Crown, encourage Faction and Rebellion, and threatned to remove and obſcure the Trade of *England*; And although they have induſtriouſly laboured by little Stratagems to inſinuate other purpoſes, perſuading the Multitude to own their Grandeur, hitherto they are obſtructed, as aforeſaid, and Pamphlets ſcattered (by the Vulgar) throughout all their Dominions, (ſome Potentates alſo) manifeſting they diſown and dread a War with the *Defender of the Faith* and the *moſt Chriſtian King*, whoſe numerous Armies and Naval Strength appear ſo invincible, that the Inhabitants of theſe Provinces, through panick Fear and Guilt of their Fathers Iniquity, have given the armed men in oppoſition a Stream of Succeſs; And in more ſolid Terms, they are vanquiſht before the onſet made, for the poorer ſort every where languiſh out their days for want of Bread. Gentlemen, the Importance duly conſidered, renders theſe people miſerable, and ſtrikes their Counſels into Conſternation: Wherefore I deem it expedient, that you have this publiſhed as a great Truth, from

SIRS,

Your moſt Affectionate Friend and Servant,

Amſterdam,
May 1673.

T. D.

FINIS.